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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF PETER HERMES AS MFA STATE
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1. FRG PRESS REPORTED NOMINATION OF MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY (MINISTERIALDIREKTOR) FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, PETER HERMES, TO THE POSITION OF STATE SECRETARY (STAATSEKRETAER), SUCCEEDING THE LATE HANS SACHS WHO DIED IN MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING ACCIDENT. HERMES' NOMINATION STILL REQUIRES ROUTINE CONFIRMATION BY THE CABINET.
2. ALTHOUGH A MEMBER OF THE CDU, THE CHOICE OF HERMES BY FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER FOR THE THIRD-RANKING POSITION IN THE MINISTRY RECEIVED UNIVERSAL ACCLAIM IN THE PRESS WHICH CITED THE NOMINEE'S EXPERTISE AS AN ECONOMIST-DIPLOMAT-NEGOTIATOR. HERMES, WHOSE FIRST FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT WAS AS FRG CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO IN THE MID-FIFTIES, SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY. HE HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT AND VALUABLE CONTACT OF THE EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON OFFICIALS THROUGH THE YEARS AND IS VERY FRIENDLY TO THE UNITED STATES. HIS DAUGHTER, BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO, MAINTAINS HER DUAL US AND GERMAN CITIZENSHIP.

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